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Re: Big Broadcasting Company, Inc.
WBIG (AM), Aurora, Illinois
Facility Identification Number: 5217
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed July 6, 2010, on behalf of Big Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("BBC"). BBC requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on October 20, 2008, to operate Station WBIG with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹

In support of the request, BBC states that a tower immediately adjacent to the WBIG array was damaged by a helicopter, that the damage to the adjacent structure is affecting the operation of its antenna system, and that it now has been determined that the damaged tower must be completely removed from the site.

We note that the previous STA expired on April 20, 2009. Our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public, and that the requested STA facilities are the same as were previously authorized. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, it will be considered as a request for a new STA; the authority granted will not cover the period between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WBIG may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. BBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² BBC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from

¹ WBIG is licensed for operation on 1280 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.5 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. The authority granted herein does not cover the period between April 20, 2009, and July 6, 2010, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to operation of Station WBIG during the foregoing period.

This authority expires on **February 10, 2011**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent part.

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cc: Big Broadcasting Company, Inc.

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).